

GERMAN MENACE GREATEST IN ARRAS-ALBERT SECTOR

GERMAN PLOT IN IRELAND EXPOSED

Leaders of Sinn Fein Arrested Following Proclamation of New Lord Lieutenant.

SUSPECTS ARE IN CUSTODY

Countess Markievicz and Prof. de Valera Held for Part in Easter Day Revolt.

(International News Service.)
London, May 18.—Thirteen leaders of the Sinn Fein in Ireland, including the Countess Markievicz (who was implicated in the Dublin uprising), Prof. De Valera (a member of parliament), and others, were arrested today. Five arrests were made in Dublin upon the heels of the proclamation of the new lord lieutenant declaring that a German plot had been unearthed. Those arrested in the Irish capital were Dr. Dillon, Arthur Griffiths, the Countess Markievicz, De Valera and a Sinn Fein leader named Cosgrove. The Freeman's Journal (Dublin), says that conscription will be put into effect in Ireland under cover of the revelations that are now being made. Arrests were made in different parts of Ireland, but were made simultaneously. All followed the revelation that German propaganda was being liberally distributed in Ireland. The Star, in referring to the matter, said: "The developments indicate that conscription will be applied to Ireland immediately."

In his proclamation the lord lieutenant stated that it had come to the knowledge of the government that subjects of the British crown in Ireland had entered into treasonable communication with the enemy. Additional arrests in Ireland reported in a Times dispatch from Dublin, include Dr. Hayes and Darragh Piggis.

(Associated Press.)
Dublin, May 18.—The Irish Times today says the government has not acted a moment too soon, as all the signs pointed to another outbreak of armed violence possibly in connection with the landing of German troops on Irish shores.

Prof. De Valera, William Cosgrove and Countess Markievicz all were arrested for the parts they played in the Sinn Fein revolt in Dublin on Easter week of 1916 when the short-lived Irish republic came into being. All were sentenced to death, but this was commuted later to life imprisonment. After several months in prison, all were released.

De Valera was elected member of parliament for East Clare last July, and in October Premier Lloyd George announced in the house of commons that De Valera was plotting to bring about a new Irish rebellion. A year before De Valera was elected, president of the Sinn Fein at Dublin. Since the passage of the Irish conscription bill De Valera has been very active working against it, and has had many conferences with John Dillon. William Cosgrove was elected member of parliament for Kilkenny last August. In a speech several days later he said the Irish would fight German domination. On May 1 he was selected to accompany the lord mayor of Dublin on his proposed visit to the United States in connection with the anti-conscription campaign in Ireland.

One of the most prominent figures in the Dublin revolt in 1916 was Countess Georgina Markievicz. She led a part of the Sinn Fein forces and was reported to have personally killed a guard in an effort to capture the castle. She returned to Dublin last July. Last Dec. 2 two boys were arrested while carrying high explosives from Scotland to Ireland. They were reported to be members of a Boy Scout organization headed by Countess Markievicz.

Arthur Griffith has aided the Sinn Fein by his pen and counsels more than by active leadership. He took no part in the fighting of Easter week, and at various times has been in conflict with De Valera, who is of a more fanatical type. De Valera was born in New York City, of a Spanish father and an Irish mother.

SENATE REJECTS "PORK BARREL" AMENDMENT

Senator Kenyon Vigorously Assails Rivers and Harbors Bill.

Washington, May 18.—By a vote of 23 to 24, the senate this afternoon rejected an amendment offered by Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, to the rivers and harbors bill to prevent "pork barrel" expenditures during the period of the war.

The amendment would have prevented the expenditure of money for so-called "pork barrel" projects unless the secretary of the treasury certified that the condition of the treasury warranted it.

Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, vigorously assailed the rivers and harbors bill under consideration, although he admitted that it was the best measure of its kind ever framed.

"In this era of meatless and wheatless and porkless days, I had hoped that we might have a porkless rivers and harbors bill," he said. "But it seems that we never can have such a measure without a smelt of pork about it."

"BOCHE GOING TO GET THE SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE"

When Next Offensive Begins, is Consensus of Opinion in Paris—German Menace Greatest in Sector Between Arras and Albert. Aerial Losses Have Purpose.

Paris, May 18.—Latest press reports from the front agree that the German menace is greatest in the sector between Arras and Albert, principally in the Arras district. There has been an increase in the artillery firing in that region during the past three days from "lively" to "marked," and then to "violent."

It is generally agreed that this indicates that an offensive movement is in preparation. Attempts by the enemy aviators to cloak infantry and artillery movements in the faces of losses, such as Thursday, when fifty-one German machines were brought down, convinces military experts that Germany is willing to incur the worst aerial losses to cover the preliminary stage of the new offensive operations.

The fierceness of the air fighting is conceded by both sides, a further indication of the nearness of the shock. The weather continues magnificently clear.

Crowds press about the bulletin boards scanning the communiques, awaiting news of the renewal of the big fight.

The consensus of opinion is that "the boche is going to get the surprise of his life this time."

U. S. THIRD IN MILEAGE HELD ON WESTERN FRONT

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 18.—The American expeditionary force has become such a military factor on the western battle front, members of the senate military committee were advised today at their weekly conference with Secretary Baker and the war council, that they now rank third in the mileage held.

The French hold the most mileage, the British rank second and the Americans third, exceeding the mileage held by the Belgians.

Exact Holdings Defined. The front line forces of Gen. Pershing, the senators were told, are divided among four sectors, all on what is known as the French front, but other American troops are at the front as well as behind the lines in training, with both British and French forces.

The exact battle front mileage was disclosed to the committee, but was not made public for military reasons. The senators, however, expressed great gratification at the extent of American front-line activity. One of the four American sectors, near Montdidier, was said to be of much activity and importance in the allied plans.

Aerial Status Disappointing. The officers described in detail the aircraft situation at the American front. Reports on aircraft production in this country were said by senators still to be disappointing, without much improvement in the general situation. Improvement in ordnance and other production was reported by the war council.

American troops are being sent abroad with great rapidity. The transportation outlook was said to be promising, although problems of supplying the American forces abroad are said to be increasing because of the rapidly mounting size of the American expeditions.

REASON FOR NOT ADVANCING BUSH CASE

Court Thinks Not Justice to Other Litigants to Give This Case Precedence.

(Special to The News.)
Jackson, May 18.—In declining to advance the Bush outsider suit the supreme court today through Justice Green stated that pressure of work already ahead of this court prevented hearing arguments and decision of this outsider proceedings during this term.

Justice Green said that it would be unduly to give precedence to the Bush case, as it would be to the detriment of the other litigants. He said that the court changes on the first of September. Regarding the law requiring outsider proceedings to be given precedence, he pointed to another law requiring that full justice be given all litigants as offsetting in this particular case, due to the fact that the case is not now going on.

NEGOTIATIONS OPENED TO BRING CZAR TO SWITZERLAND

(International News Service.)
Zurich, May 18.—Negotiations have been opened in Switzerland for a residence for the ex-czar of Russia, according to information received here today.

LEADER OF SINN FEINERS



Edward De Valera, leader of the Sinn Feiners, who want practical if not absolute independence from Great Britain.

HUN DIVISION LOST 70 PER CENT.

Fate of 208th German Section. Seven Others Were Reduced Over 50 Per Cent.

WHOLE UNITS WIPED OUT

Definite Figures Obtained Regarding Enemy Losses in Recent Drive.

(Associated Press.)
London, May 18.—The most definite figures yet announced regarding German losses on the western front this spring have been given to the Associated Press. Since the beginning of the offensive, on March 21, 208 German divisions have been on the western front, of which 126 actually have been engaged on the Somme and Armentieres fronts.

The 208th German division, which was one of those suffering most heavily, lost 70 per cent. of its effectives. Seven other German divisions are known to have lost more than 50 per cent. and at least seven other divisions are named as having lost 40 to 50 per cent.

Only forty men to the company were left in the 119th division after the fighting of March 22 and 23.

Whole Divisions Destroyed. The first division was in similar straits after reaching Sally-Laurette on March 24, and the 23rd division was weakened similarly on April 6. One regiment of the fourth Ersatz division virtually was annihilated on April 9 and there are scores of divisions of companies and battalions which disappeared almost completely.

In a five-page, closely typewritten list of losses to German regiments and divisions engaged in the offensive which have been substantiated by British intelligence officers, there is scarcely a single instance where the losses were not so large as to cause serious crippling of the efficiency of the unit.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

(Associated Press.)
London, May 18.—A British destroyer was sunk on Tuesday by a German submarine, the admiralty announced.

"One of the British destroyers was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine on May 14. Two men were killed."

BIG FIRE IN WAREHOUSES CAUSES HEAVY LOSSES

(Special to The News.)
Bristol, May 18.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed a large warehouse in the business district here this morning, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000. The building is owned by W. T. Sams and J. R. Dulaney, Bristol business men. The building was insured. The fire threatened the entire block for a time, but able fire fighting saved a bad situation.

NEW GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL RECOGNIZED

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 18.—Recognizing the new government of Portugal, with Dr. Paes as president, ministers of all the allied countries, including the United States, have called at the foreign office at Lisbon, according to a dispatch received at the state department today.

JOHN TINKER SIDESTEPS PARTY'S NOMINATION

Republican Candidate for Sheriff Throws Hand Grenade Into Ranks—Star Chamber Session of County Executive Committee Held to Receive the Sad News.

In a star chamber session of the Hamilton county republican executive committee, from which reporters were excluded and which was conducted with great secrecy, John Tinker Saturday morning withdrew from the race for sheriff. Mr. Tinker was re-elected chairman of the committee, according to the best information obtainable, and it is alleged that G. Russell Brown, who had been slated as chairman of the committee, was chosen as secretary.

Owing to the secrecy with which the actions of the committee were surrounded it was impossible to get accurate information as to just what influence led Mr. Tinker to quit the race for sheriff, though S. Barlow Strang, appointed as chairman of the committee on public information, verified the report that the republican candidate for sheriff, chosen at the convention of two weeks ago, had resigned.

Mr. Strang also handed to a reporter a statement which he said Mr. Tinker had made to the committee. Judging from the oratorical efforts of the retiring candidate, heard from a vantage point behind the lines, it is thought the speech was much more vigorous than the copy indicated, and it is even whispered that the question of party loyalty of certain members of the executive committee was the subject of comment on the part of the county chairman. However, the statement as passed by the board of censors follows:

"To the Hamilton County Republican Executive Committee: "Gentlemen: I herewith tender to you my resignation as your candidate for sheriff. This is done with regret upon my part, but after two weeks' consideration, I realize that this will be a great disappointment to my many friends, who have given me so much encouragement by their words and actions. I am confident, however, if they fully understood my position in the matter there would be no words of censure. I fully realize the opportunity as, as a republican, have given me very seldom comes to any man, and I will never come to myself again. I am deeply appreciative of that fact."

"There are several reasons why I cannot continue as your nominee at this time, most prominent of which is: "A number of my close personal and former order friends and associates have under way matters which will require my attention and which I am, and have been for the past several months, under obligations to them to fulfill. This would be a serious handicap to me if I were to continue as your nominee at this time. I have been associated with W. J. Springfield during his term in office, and in this connection I feel it my duty to him to say that when matters pertaining to the coming campaign were being discussed, he stated to me that I had a desire to become a candidate for county register. He was for me and would do everything he could to secure my election. I declined, having no desire to run for office, and promised him that I intended to hold myself in a position to help him, and persuaded him to become a candidate for re-election. Further, my association with Mr. Springfield, on account of his liberality with my mind, has enabled me to at all times be ready to serve the republican party. He has been confined to his room on account of illness for the last two months and has not yet fully recovered. Should I continue in the race I not only would not have the opportunity to assist him, but the office of county register, to which I am under obligations to him, would be lost to my services."

"I have served the republican party of Hamilton county for the past ten years as chairman of the executive committee. I have tried to do the best I knew how, conscientiously and fearlessly, and in return the republicans of this county have always given me encouragement for all of which I feel very grateful; but to make the race for sheriff at this time, it seems to me, is asking more than I am able to do. You are doubtless aware that I was nominated without my consent or approval. I fully realize that I should not have appeared before the convention two weeks ago, but under pressure of my ethical and moral belief, I felt it my duty to do so. I have tried to fully realize what sacrifice personally and financially the race would require of me."

"I realize further that some republicans may think this will hurt the chances of the election of my associates nominated at that time, but such should not be the case. I want to say to you that neither Messrs. Conner, Springfield nor Gadd has been consulted by me about this step that I feel forced to take nor have they uttered one word of discouragement, but on the other hand, have very frankly stated to me that they would rather step down from the race than have any political ambition of mine interfered with. It is with the deepest regret that I am forced to take this action, but my personal affairs, with other reasons mentioned above, compel me to do so."

"I assure this committee and the republicans of Hamilton county I will at all times try to serve them whenever possible."

PEACE COMING THIS YEAR

German Chancellor Avers His Optimism as to Events on Western Front.

(Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, May 18.—"I am still optimistic enough to believe we shall have peace this year," said the German chancellor, Count Von Hertling, in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Budapest newspaper Az Est. "I cherish firm confidence that further events in the day of the August election, and it was for this purpose that the committee was named."

SWEDISH SOCIALIST IN SUPPORT OF WILSON

Bolsheviks Termed "Caricature of Real Socialism" by Dr. Brantling.

ALLIES TO MEET DANGERS IN EAST

Japan and China Informed of Entente Arrangement for Defense

AGAINST PENETRATION

By Germans—Safeguarding of Manchuria Is Primary Purpose.

Paris, Friday, May 17.—Japan and China have been informed by the allied governments, that they have arranged for entente military co-operation to meet the dangers threatening the peace of the far east from German penetration.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 18.—The entente military co-operation arranged to meet threats to the peace of the far east by German penetration, as reported today from Paris, is understood here as a purely defensive measure in which participation for the present will be confined to Japan and China. Its primary purpose is the safeguarding of Manchuria, with possibilities of its extension to Siberia.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS ANNOUNCED BY BISHOPS

Southern Methodist College Decides Boundaries and Jurisdiction.

Atlanta, May 18.—Announcement of the boundaries of the Episcopal districts, as decided upon by the college of bishops, was the principal business transacted at today's session of the Southern Methodist general conference. The districts as given out by Bishop Collins Denny, secretary of the college, are:

- First District—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, western Virginia and Baltimore conferences.
- Second District—Bishop Warren A. Candler, North Georgia, South Georgia and Florida conferences.
- Third District—Bishop James Atkins, Tennessee, north Alabama and Memphis conferences.
- Fourth District—Bishop Collins Denny, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisville and Holston conferences.
- Fifth District—Bishop J. C. Kilgo, north Mississippi, Louisiana and Mississippi conferences.
- Sixth District—Bishop W. B. Murrah, Denver, Missouri, southwest Missouri and St. Louis conferences.
- Seventh District—Bishop W. R. Lambuth, war work and African mission.
- Eighth District—Bishop E. D. Monson, western Oklahoma, east Oklahoma, Little Rock and Arkansas conferences and the Indian mission.
- Ninth District—Bishop J. H. McCoy, Alabama conference and Cuban mission.
- Tenth District—Bishop John M. Moore, Brazil and south Brazil conferences.
- Eleventh District—Bishop W. F. McMurtry, Japan, Korea and China missions.
- Twelfth District—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., the Mexican conferences and missions.
- Thirteenth District—Bishop H. M. Dubose, Pacific, Los Angeles and New Mexico conferences.
- Fourteenth District—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, North and South Carolina conferences.
- Fifteenth District—Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, Texas conferences.

Another effort today to have the church conference elect church stewards was defeated.

STANDARD WAGE SCALE INCREASE ANNOUNCED

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 18.—A standard wage scale, representing about 15 a month increase per man, today was announced by the shipping board for members of the dock and engine departments of Atlantic and Gulf ships.

RADIUM MINED AT LESS COST RESULT AGREEMENT

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 18.—More than \$150,000 worth of radium mined at a cost of less than \$18,000, is in the possession of the bureau of mines, department of the interior, as a result of the agreement between the bureau and the national radium institute to develop a more efficient process for working the carnotite ore of Colorado and Utah, it was announced this afternoon.